WHEREAS, March 10, 2018 marks the 59th Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising when Tibetans took to the streets of Lhasa to protest China’s invasion and occupation of Tibet; and

WHEREAS, March 10, 2018 also marks the 10th anniversary of the 2008 mass, peaceful uprising throughout Tibet. This uprising was a critical moment in Tibet’s history of resistance; reawakening a new generation of activists both inside occupied Tibet and outside, and

WHEREAS, Despite China’s best efforts to assimilate and wipe out Tibetan identity and its culture, Tibetan resistance continues non-violently to this day; and

WHEREAS, The occupation and ongoing suppression of human rights and freedom in Tibet and the degradation of Tibetan culture and identity should continue to be a concern for all freedom-loving people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, is a global icon of compassion and peace and the heart and soul for Tibetans world-wide; and,

WHEREAS, Our vibrant Tibetan American community of Western Massachusetts has made tremendous contributions to the City of Northampton’s society and culture; and

THEREFORE: I, David J. Narkewicz, Mayor of the City of Northampton do hereby proclaim March 10th, 2018 to be:

TIBETAN NATIONAL UPRISING DAY

and urge all the citizens of Northampton to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz